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TAGS: PFOR, MPOL, IS EG

SUBJECT: ISRAELI DEFENSES IN SINAI

1. APPARENTLY BASED ON BRIEFING BY "MILITARY SOURCES/  
ALL NEWSPAPERS REPORT JAN 24 THAT IDF IS PROCEEDING WITH  
CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENSIVE NETWORK IN SINAI ALONG PRESENT  
DISENGAGEMENT LINES. ABOUT IL 400 MILLION HAS REPORTEDLY  
ALREADY BEEN INVESTED IN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION WEST OF MITLA AND  
GIDDI PASSES, AND PLANS PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL IL 1 BILLION  
DEPENDING ON BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, DEFENSIVE SYSTEM ALREADY COMPLETED  
IS ADEQUATE TO COPE WITH ANY EGYPTIAN OFFENSIVE OPERATION  
"AT THIS STAGE". SYSTEM AS DESCRIBED INCLUDES "OBSTACLES  
SEVERAL KILMETERS DEEP COMPRISING FENCES, MINEFIELDS AND  
TANK TRAPS, AS WELL AS FORTIFIED POSITIONS AND MANY KILOMETERS  
OF ROADS TO ENSURE MOBILITY OF FORCES AND ACCESS FOR LOGISITICAL  
SUPPORT."

3. DURING PASTFEW DAYS, CHIEF OF IDF CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
FORTIFICATIONS DIVISION TOLD AARMA THAT NO MANNED  
FORTIFICATIONS HAD YET BEEN BUILT BUT THAT HE PLANNED  
TO BEGIN THEIR CONSTRUCTION IN "TWO OR THREE WEEKS"  
IF THERE IS NO INDICATION OF PROBABILITY OF

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FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT.

4. COMMENT: IDF PRESS BRIEFING ON FORTIFICATION PLANS  
LEADS US TO CONCLUDE THAT ISRAELIS, WHILE CRITICIZING  
SADAT FOR ATTACHING DEADLINES TO NEGOTIATIONS, ARE PLAYING THEIR  
OWN VERSION OF SAME GAME. THIS IS BORNE OUT BY COMMENT OF  
IDF CHIEF OF FORTIFICATIONS WHO, WHEN ASKED BY AARMA  
IF HE UNDERSTOOD POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF HIS "2-3 WEEK"  
REMARK, REPLIED THAT THAT WAS HIS REASON FOR SAYING IT.  
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